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Now I agree that Microsoft should face penalties that will slow the grow of this monopolistic practice. Now we are all aware of monoploies. The utilities and cable companies are examples of monoploies. I feel that if Microsoft became a monopoly because it was just the best product for the job I would say let them be, but I cannot say that. Microsoft is a product that I am forced to use. I also have to pirate the software because there is no way to learn about the software for IT jobs. Two wrongs don't make a right but how can I learn about it if I can't afford to use it. What does Microsoft have to say to that. Also I feel that Linux should be pushed into schools. The money saved could be used on teachers and better classrooms. Open source technology would be great for that. Also there is a place for Windows and Office. I do feel the companies should be split so that it can promote competition and through this competition better products. I do not wish for Microsoft to fail, we need Microsoft, but we also need choice as well. No penalities, just the company split.